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November 25, 1977

Hon. Cyrus Vance
Secretary of State
State Department Building
Washington, D.C.

Re: Request for Assistance in Enforcement of Court Order Against Rev. Jim Jones in Guyana

Dear Sir:

On November 18, 1977, the Superior Court of the State of California ordered our office to "take all actions necessary to locate Reverend Jim Jones and to secure Reverend Jim Jones' compliance with this order." Paragraph 4 of the order (a copy attached) states:

> "It is ordered that Reverend Jim Jones will immediately deliver the minor, JOHN VICTOR STOEN, to the Petitioner, GRACE LUCY STOEN, or to her authorized representative."

According to our information, the underlying facts are that Rev. Jim Jones, a United States citizen, is living in Guyana, South America, where he is exercising physical custody over John Victor Stoen, a 5-year old child who is also a United States citizen. Rev. Jones has refused to deliver the child to his legal parents, each of whom testified before the court and joined the request for the order issued. Our office is representing the court pursuant to Section 4700(c) of the California Civil Code.

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We are respectfully asking you to use whatever influence you have to help us obtain Rev. Jones' compliance with the aforesaid order. If we cannot obtain Rev. Jones' compliance in this manner, it will be our duty pursuant to Section 5160 of the California Civil Code to apply to the court for a warrant of arrest against Rev. Jones.

We will be most grateful for whatever you can do to help. Time may be of the essence. Please let our office know if you need further information.

Thank you very much indeed.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH FREITAS, JR.

Enc. Superior Court Order
dated November 18, 1977

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SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

In re the marriage of Petitioner: GRACE LUCY STOEN and Respondent: TIMOTHY O. STOEN	No. 719-147 ORDER RE CHILD CUSTODY

The matter of the order to show cause re the custody of the minor child JOHN VICTOR STOEN, born January 25, 1972 came on regularly for hearing on November 18, 1977 in Department 13 of the above entitled court. Petitioner GRACE LUCY STOEN was present personally and through her attorneys of record, Jeffrey Haas and Margaret Ryan. Respondent TIMOTHY O. STOEN appeared in pro per. There was no appearance by Claimant JIM JONES.

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, the court made the following finding and orders:

1. Based upon the declarations on file it is found that

Claimant Reverend Jim Jones had actual notice of the pendency of the proceedings, of his joinder, of this court's order directing him to appear and of the instant hearing.

2. It is also found that contrary to the order of this court that Reverend Jim Jones failed to appear before this court on November 18, 1977 at 9:00 AM.

3. Based on testimony offered at the hearing of November 18, 1977 and a written stipulation filed therein, the court finds and orders that it is in the best interest of the minor child, JOHN VICTOR STOEN that his physical custody, care and control be awarded to Petitioner GRACE LUCY STOEN, his natural mother. Reasonable visitation will be reserved to Respondent TIMOTHY O. STOEN. Petitioner and Respondent will share joint legal custody. This court hereby fully incorporates by reference the stipulation between the parties signed on November 18, 1977 and the order arising therefrom.

4. It is ordered that Reverend Jim Jones will immediately deliver the minor, JOHN VICTOR STOEN, to the Petitioner, GRACE LUCY STOEN, or to her authorized representative.

5. It is ordered that pursuant to Section 4604 of the California Civil Code, the District Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco shall take all actions necessary to locate Reverend Jim Jones and to secure Reverend Jim Jones' compliance with this order.

6. It is further ordered that Petitioner is granted leave to institute contempt proceedings against the Reverend Jim Jones.

7. Based on testimony offered at the hearing on November 18, 1977 by both Petitioner and Respondent and notarized documents

provided to and filed with the court, the court finds and orders that all previous statements signed by either Petitioner or Respondent or both authorizing one JOYCE TOUCHETTE, JIM JONES, o any other person to act as guardian of said minor child is hereb declared null and void.

ORDERED this 18th day of November, 1977 and signed the 18th day of November, 1977.

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT